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City To Take Back The Park On Saturday

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(April 16, 2004- TROY) Mayor Harry Tutunjian and the Police Benevolent Association will join forces Saturday morning for a "Take Back The Park" cleaning beginning at 9 a.m.

The park is located on 9th Street, across the street from 131 9th Street. Two structures were recently shutdown in that area for drug usage, and members of the PBA and Tutunjian will cleanup the park on Saturday, by painting over graffiti and gang colors left on the walls and backboards on the basketball court.

"We want to send a strong message that unruly behavior, drug usage, and gangs will not be tolerated in our City," Tutunjian said. "I am proud to be able to work with the PBA in this partnership to let the residents of this area know, we do care about what is going on, and we will do our best to improve the situation."

Tutunjian also complimented Community Police and Officer Mark Millington for his hard work in bringing this situation to light.

"This is Community Policing at its finest," Tutunjian said. "We're working very hard to clean up the City right now, but we are also trying to focus on some of the other problem areas. This is one way to do just that. In the future we are going to work with all our residents in our tough stance against crime."

PBA President Bob Fitzgerald was one of the organizers of the event. He said one of the goals of the PBA is to become more involved in the community and that other events like Saturday's are in the works.

All members of the media are encouraged to attend.